

TJJD Staff:

I want to make you all aware of the most recent development at the agency's Corsicana facility. Since December, the agency had retained approximately 24 employees at the facility to prepare it for eventual repurposing, transferal or closure. These employees have been maintaining the Corsicana facility and grounds, conducting an inventory of property, processing records that have been maintained at Corsicana for decades, continuing the support of training at Corsicana, and a few staff supported the human resources function for employees that transferred to Mart. Many of these projects have now been completed and, as a result, it is time for the agency to reduce its workforce at Corsicana.

On Monday, July 7th, 17 of the remaining 20 staff at Corsicana received letters notifying them that the agency will be eliminating their positions effective July 31, 2014. All employees receiving letters are being given the opportunity to request a transfer to other positions throughout the agency in order to maintain their employment.

We will retain two staff at the facility to maintain the physical plant and inventory while we await a final decision from the Legislative Budget Board on the fate of the facility. Additionally, we will retain one staff to continue our employee training function at Navarro College. We have partnered with Navarro College for years and the only difference to current operations will be that our employees will now be housed at Navarro College facilities rather than our Corsicana campus.

While this action was a financial and business necessity, it was not a decision taken lightly because it affects many valued employees and their families. I greatly appreciate the service each has given to the state and to the youth in our care. We will do everything we can to assist each of them in this time of transition.

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